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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF CHIEF, US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION,  
SAUDI ARABIA

1. DEFENSE REQUESTS CLEARANCE OF ASSIGNMENT OF BRIGADIER  
GENERAL JAMES H. AHMANN, USAF, AS NEW CHIEF, US MILITARY  
TRAINING MISSION, SAUDI ARABIA. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FOLLOWS:

A. DATE OF BIRTH: 19 APRIL 1931

B. YEARS OF ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE: OVER 20 YEARS

C. PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE EASTERN  
TEST RANGE (AFETR) AT PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLA., WITH  
ADDITIONAL DUTY AS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MANAGER FOR  
MANNED SPACE FLIGHT SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

D. MILITARY SCHOOLING: PRIM AND BASIC PLT TNG; AF FLYING  
SCHOOL; BASIC INSTR SCH; SURV TNG CRS; HQ US ARMY SP  
FORCES, VIETNAM; CMBT OPS SP CRS; COIN INDOC CRS; ACSC;  
USAF OPL TNG CRS

E. EDUCATIONAL DEGREES: XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN CINCINNATI,  
OHIO, FOR A YEAR THEN ENTERED THE US MILITARY ACADEMY,  
WEST POINT, NY, AND GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
DEGRESS AND A COMMISSION IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE; RECEIVED  
A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING THROUGH THE  
AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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F. PROMOTIONS:

SECOND LIEUTENANT  
FIRST LIEUTENANT 5 DEC 55 (TEMP)

CAPTAIN 1 JAN 60 (TEMP)  
MAJOR 1 SEP 65 (TEMP)  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL 1 JUL 68 (TEMP)  
COLONEL 1 NOV 70 (TEMP)  
BRIGADIER GENERAL 1 SEP 74 (TEMP)

G. SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE:

- (1) STUDENT OFFICER, PRIMARY PILOT TRAINING, 3303 PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON, BARTOW AIR BASE, FLORIDA, JUNE 54 - MAY 55
  - (2) STUDENT OFFICER, BASIC PILOT TRAINING, 3506 STUDENT SQUADRON AND LATER JET PILOT INSTRUCTOR, 3505 PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON, GREENVILLE AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 55 - NOV 57
  - (3) FIGHTER PILOT (T-33), DETACHMENT 5, 1172 FIELD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON AND LATER FIGHTER PILOT INSTRUCTOR, US AIR FORCE TRAINING GROUP, US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION, DHAHRAN AIR BASE, SAUDI ARABIA DEC 57 - FEB 59
  - (4) STUDENT OFFICER, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO MAR 59 - AUG 60
  - (5) PLANS OFFICER, RANGE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND LATER MISSION PLANS OFFICER AND DIRECTOR, HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MISSILE TEST CENTER, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, SEP 60 - JUNE 62
  - (6) ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, SUPPORT DIRECTOR, HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE MISSILE TEST CENTER, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA JUL 62 - DEC 62
  - (7) OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS SECTION AND WING OPERATIONS, 1ST AIR COMMANDO GROUP, LATER FIGHTER BOMBER PILOT (T-28), 6 FIGHTER SQUADRON AND LATER AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER, 319 AIR COMMANDO SQUADRON, EGLIN AIR FORCE AUXILIARY FIELD 9, FLORIDA, JAN 63 - JUL 65
  - (8) STUDENT OFFICER, AIR COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL, MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA, AUG 65 - JUNE 66
  - (9) PLANS AND PROGRAMS OFFICER, APPLICATIONS BRANCH, SPECIAL WARFARE DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS, US AIR FORCE, WASHINGTON, D.C., JUL 66 - MAY 68
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- (10) PLANNING AND PROGRAM OFFICER, SPECIAL AIR FORCE BRANCH, TACTICAL AND AIRLIFT FORCES DIVISION, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FORCE DEVELOPMENT, HEADQUARTERS, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 68- APRIL 69
- (11) STUDENT AIRCRAFT COMMANDER (F-4), 111507B, 45 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON, MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA APRIL 69 - OCT 69
- (12) ASSISTANT DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR OPERATIONS, 366

TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, DA NANG AIR BASE, VIETNAM NOV 69 -  
APRIL 70

(13) CHIEF, CURRENT OPERATIONS DIVISION, DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF STAFF/OPERATIONS AND LATER CHIEF, CURRENT PLANS  
DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS 7 AF, TAN S N NHUT AIR BASE,  
VIETNAM, MAY 70 - NOV 70

(14) HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE CHIEF, TACTICAL SUPPORT  
DIVISION, STUDY AND ANALYSIS GROUP, PENTAGON, WASHINGTON,  
D.C., NOV 70 - JUL 71

(15) HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE CHIEF, FIGHTER DIVISION,  
SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS GROUP, PENTAGON, JUL 71 - JAN 72

(16) HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE CHIEF, FIGHTER DIVISION,  
SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS GROUP, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF,  
STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AND LATER HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GENERAL PURPOSE AND AIRLIFT STUDIES,  
AIR FORCE/SYSTEMS AND ANALYSIS GROUP, PENTAGON, FEB 72 -  
MARCH 73

(17) VICE COMMANDER, 52 TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, US AIR  
FORCE EASTER, SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, GERMANY, MARCH 73 -  
JULY 73

(18) COMMANDER, 52 TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, US AIR FORCE  
EASTERN, SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, GERMANY, JULY 73 - NOV 73

(19) COMMANDER, 20 TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, US AIR FORCE  
EASTER, ROYAL AIR FORCE, UPPER HEYFORD, ENGLAND NOV 73 -  
SEP 74

(20) COMMANDER, AIR FORCE EASTERN TEST RANGE, AFSC,  
WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY DOD MANAGER FOR MANNED SPACE FLIGHT,  
PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, SEP 74 - PRESENT.

2. DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO CLEAR THIS ASSIGNMENT SUBJECT  
TO YOUR CONCURRENCE. IN VIEW OF DOD PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT  
PROCEDURES, REPLY REQUESTED ASAP. KISSINGER  
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